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Addendum

Resumed fourteenth session of 31 October 1995

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Introduction

1. The report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its resumed fourteenth session is presented to the General Conference in accordance with Article 9.4 (c) of the Constitution. The summary records of the session (IDB.14/SR.9 and IDB.14/SR.10), where details of the proceedings are contained, forms an integral part of the present report.

2. The decision adopted by the Board at its resumed fourteenth session (see para. 13 below) calls for action by the General Conference at its sixth regular session.

3. The resumed fourteenth session of the Board was held at UNIDO Headquarters, Vienna International Centre, on 31 October 1995 (two plenary meetings—see IDB.14/SR.9 and IDB.14/SR.10).

I. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

4. The President of the fourteenth session of the Board, Mrs. Fügen Ok (Turkey) presided over the resumed session.

Participation

5. The following 52 of the 53 members of the Board were represented at the session: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

6. The following 32 Member States of UNIDO also participated in the session: Angola, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Jordan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Slovenia, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Yemen.

7. The following Member State of the United Nations participated: South Africa.

8. The United Nations Office at Vienna was represented.

9. The following specialized agencies were represented: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and World Health Organization.

10. The following other intergovernmental organization was represented: League of Arab States.

11. The following non-governmental organization was represented: Professors Association of Metrologists.

II. PROGRAMME AND BUDGETS, 1996-1997; FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNIDO

12. The Board resumed its fourteenth session to continue the consideration of agenda sub-items 7 (c): Programme and budgets, 1996-1997, and 7 (g): Financial situation of UNIDO. The two sub-items were discussed simultaneously.

13. The Board had before it the proposals of the Director-General for the programme and budgets, 1996-1997 (IDB.14/2 and Corr.1) with the recommendations of the Programme and Budget Committee thereon (PBC conclusion 95/8), preliminary expenditure plans for the biennium 1996-1997 submitted by the Director-General (IDB.14/29) and a report by the Director-General on the financial situation of UNIDO as of 30 September 1995 (IDB.14/30). The debate on the subject is reflected in summary records IDB.14/SR.9 and IDB.14/SR.10. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.14/L.29) and adopted decision IDB.14/Dec.27 below. For statements made in connection with the adoption of the decision, see summary record IDB.14/SR.10, paragraphs 105 to 119.

IDB.14/Dec.27 PROGRAMME AND BUDGETS 1996-1997; FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNIDO

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Taking note of the recommendation of the Programme and Budget Committee concerning the programme and budgets for 1996-1997 contained in document IDB.14/2 and Corr.1;

(b) Taking into account the request made to the Director-General in decision IDB.14/Dec.7 of 30 June 1995 to prepare preliminary expenditure plans within the framework of document IDB.14/2 and Corr.1;

(c) Having considered the financial situation of UNIDO as of 30 September 1995, at which date outstanding contributions from 82 Member States amounted to $88,055,586;

(d) Taking into consideration that, as of 30 September 1995, the unutilized balance of the appropriations for 1992-1993 amounted to $14,732,924, of which $7,588,029 had been received as of that date;

(e) Considering the need for the establishment of a separation indemnity reserve for the purpose of financing the reduction of staff;

1. Urged those Member States that had not yet paid their assessed regular budget contributions, including advances to the Working Capital Fund, for the bienniums 1986-1987 to 1994-1995, to do so without delay;

2. Recommended to the General Conference at its sixth session the approval of the programme and budgets for 1996-1997 as proposed by the Programme and Budget Committee in conclusion 95/8;

3. Requested, however, at the same time the Director-General to implement the programme and budgets for 1996-1997 within the cash resource availability and in accordance with the expenditure plans presented by him;

4. Requested the Director-General, in the event that the projected cash resource availability changes significantly from the assumptions contained in the preliminary expenditure plans, to report to and, if necessary, to convene the policy-making organs in order to review the 1996-1997 programme and budgets and scale of assessments;

5. Took note therefore of the establishment of a separation indemnity reserve to provide financial authority for the cost of separation of staff, as necessary, in a timely and systematic manner consistent with staff regulations;

6. Recommended to this effect that the General Conference, in view of the extraordinary prevailing circumstances and without constituting a precedent, approve at its sixth session the suspension of financial regulations 4.2(b) and (c), with respect to the unutilized balance of the appropriations for the biennium 1992-1993, which has been paid in, as a credit for the sole purpose of partially funding the separation indemnity reserve;

7. Requested the Director-General to report on the above on a regular basis to the policy-making organs.

10th plenary meeting
31 October 1995

III. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE FOURTEENTH SESSION

14. The Board entrusted the Rapporteur with the task of finalizing the report (see summary record IDB.14/SR.10, paras. 120-121). On 31 October, at 7.30 p.m., the Board closed its fourteenth session.

Annex

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AT ITS RESUMED FOURTEENTH SESSION OF 31 OCTOBER 1995

Symbol	Agenda item	Title
IDB.14/2 and Corr.1	7 (c)	Programme and budgets, 1996-1997. Proposals of the Director-General
IDB.14/9	7	Report of the Programme and Budget Committee on the work of its eleventh session
IDB.14/29	7 (c) 7 (g)	Programme and budgets, 1996-1997; financial situation of UNIDO. Preliminary expenditure plans. Submitted by the Director-General
IDB.14/30	7 (g)	Financial situation of UNIDO as of 30 September 1995. Report by the Director-General
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IDB.14/CRP.8	-	List of participants